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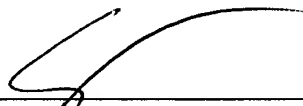
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Sir:

To date, no communication has been received from the Patent and Trademark Office since receipt of the Official Filing Receipt mailed June 3, 2002, in the above-identified application. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that they be advised whether a communication has been issued.

Respectfully submitted,



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